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Subject: A bit more RE: Legacy wastes offshore of California
Attachments: 1973 SCWRQP report re ocean dumping - excerpts.pdf

Hi again Betsy et al.,

Attached is a brief excerpt from the large SCCWRP report from 1973 mentioned below. It includes a similar map of old disposal areas, and a similar table of what was disposed where. But it's more legible and there is also a bit of text discussing the dumping.

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Subject: RE: Legacy wastes offshore of California

Hi Betsy,

As you might imagine this issue is very visible for R9 management. In particular, Superfund is getting a lot of external interest including from Senator Feinstein (see attached letter, and attached EPA response). The Superfund manager most directly involved is John Chesnutt (415-972-3005, chesnutt.john@epa.gov) and you may want to touch bases with him as well.

It appears that there were a number of locations at which the state (LA Regional Water Quality Control Board) permitted a variety of wastes to be disposed offshore back before MPRSA. See third attachment, with a figure from a 1985 report for the Water Board – the DDT barrels were apparently dumped in the locations labeled 1-3 (from the 1940s up to 1971), and locations 1 or 2 were the subject of the recent LA Times news articles.

If you need it, I can forward the full report, plus another much larger one from 1973 from SCCWRP. One point to keep in mind is that though the DDT dump sites have been the focus of attention, it's clear that in the past there were lots of nasty wastes dumped at lots of places throughout the Southern California Bight.

Hopefully this background is helpful prior to having a call. I am not out this week or next (not sure what's showing up on Outlook), but Allan and I both have a number of calls today. Tomorrow and Thursday should be much more possible...

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Hi Brian and Allan,

We have been requested to put together a one pager on a legacy waste (DDT?) issue offshore of California for the Office of Water. We understand that R9 mentioned this issue during a call with OW or OWOW. Sorry to be vague about the details but we have very little information about this specific request and hope you are familiar with the issue that Region 9 recently mentioned.

Allan, would you have time for a quick chat? If yes, I can try to find some time on our calendar. (It appears that Brian is out of the office this week on the outlook calendar).

Thanks,
Betsy

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